Transportation of salt by rakes

5228. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways have received any proposal from the State Government during the last three months for transportation of salt from Santalpur, Adesar area to Palanpur Junction by broadgauge rakes;

(b) how much demand during the last three months have been made for the broadgauge rakes transhipment;

(c) whether Government had given any assurance a month ago to the producer of salt that this problem would be solved;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what is the reason and by what time this will be solved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) A total demand of 5520 MG wagons were registered at Santalpur-Adesar area during January-March, 2003 for loading in MG section and transhipment at Palanpur into BG wagons. Out of which demands for 240 MG wagons were withdrawn.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Santalpur-Adesar area is on Gandhidham-Palanpur Meter Gauge section of Western Railway. Western Railway has undertaken conversion of Gandhidham-Palanpur Section from Meter Gauge to Board Gauge.

Dhar-Jhabua rail line

5229. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government announced construction of Dhar-Jhabua rail line in 1998 in a public meeting in Jhabua;

(b) if so, whether the survey of the proposed line has been completed, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;